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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Thursday, June 12, 1997, 10 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Higher Education Act reauthorization: opportunity programs. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

NOTICE OF ADDITION

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER POWER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that S. 846, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, has been added to the agenda of the Water and Power Subcommittee hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 9:30 a.m.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, June 9, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing on: "Conserving Judicial Resources: considering the appropriate allocation of judgeships in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF NANCY JEAN COUTU

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Peace Corps volunteer Nancy Jean Coutu, as a special memorial site at Elm Brook Park in West Hopkinton will be dedicated to her memory on June 15, 1997 at 1 p.m.

Nancy was an American hero. She was personally involved in educating children and helping people with disabilities help themselves. She brought joy to the lives of everyone she touched during her two summers when she worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the park. The Elm Brook Park was special to her, and she helped the many staff members make it much more accessible to persons with disabilities.

Nancy, a 1993 graduate from the University of New Hampshire, was murdered by native tribesmen in Madagascar on April 9, 1996, after serving almost 2 years as a volunteer member working in a parks and wildlife program for the U.S. Peace Corps. She had lived in a mud hut teaching the 300 villagers how to grow vegetables, and building a school, hospital, and roads in the island country off the east coast of Africa.

More than 140,00 Americans have served in the Peace Corps since it was founded in 1961. Tragically 15 have been killed, in all corners of the world while promoting the spirit of voluntarism.

Mr. President, Nancy truly exemplified the spirit of voluntarism. I join with her family and friends, in expressing hope that the dedication of a memorial to honor her will inspire that spirit in others, and bring attention to the remarkable service of all public service volunteers. •

IN MEMORY OF NANCY JEAN COUTU

• Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today in memory of Nancy Jean Coutu, a Peace Corps volunteer who was murdered by native tribesmen on April 9, 1996, while serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Madagascar.

Nancy was a young woman whose life was dedicated to helping others. She was born and raised in New Hampshire and attended the University of New Hampshire. She was full of joy and giving and her desire to help others is what brought her to join the Peace Corps in 1994. She spent almost 2 years living in the village of Baraketa where she helped the villagers build a school and rebuild a small hospital. She also pursued her interest in the environment by studying the local ecology. Her tragic death was a shock to everyone who knew and loved her, including the people of Madagascar whose government posthumously awarded her a knighthood for her work in their country.

Nancy's family and friends have chosen to honor her memory by creating a memorial to her on a beautiful maple-shaded knoll in Elm Brook Park in West Hopkinton, NH. During the summers of 1992 and 1993, while a student at the University of New Hampshire, Nancy worked as a park ranger at Elm Brook. There she spent many hours working to expand her knowledge and interest in the environment and to share her love of nature with visitors to the park. On Sunday, June 15, 1997, the memorial, with its large granite stone and plaque, and an oil painting of Nancy done by her mother, will be dedicated. In addition, because she was particularly interested in helping the handicapped to enjoy the many experiences offered by the outdoors, the park's wheelchair accessible elevated wildlife viewing observation deck, fishing platform, and nature trail will also be dedicated to Nancy.

Nancy Coutu set a shining example of what can be accomplished through public service and voluntarism and I would like to join with her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched with her love, in commending her for her courage and willingness to give of herself in order to make life better for others. •

ON ALAN EMORY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, the Watertown Daily Times' Washington Bureau Chief Alan Emory marked a most felicitous occasion on Saturday. Alan has served the Watertown Daily Times and the people of New York State for a half a century. My colleague Senator D'AMATO and I call him "the Dean" of the New York correspondents in our Nation's capital and, indeed, he is one of the Nation's most sagacious and indefatigable journalists.

His capacity for balanced reporting was grounded in his upbringing. His father was a Democratic New York State Supreme Court judge, his mother a labor arbitrator for the Republican mayor of New York, Fiorello LaGuardia. After Emory's childhood in New York City and Long Island and a fine education at Exeter, Harvard, and the Columbia School of Journalism, the young man headed north to seek his fortune. He landed a job at the Watertown Times in 1947 as its correspondent in Massena, a small city along the St. Lawrence Seaway. He steadily rose up the ranks to State editor, legislative correspondent, and editorial writer.

In 1951, the newspaper opened a Washington bureau. He eagerly accepted the Johnson family's offer to become the bureau chief and has served the people of New York State in Washington ever since—46 years, a term almost twice as long as that of our State's longest serving Senator, Jacob Javits, who served for 24 years.

Mr. Emory is one of the most prolific daily journalists in Washington. He writes up to six stories per day and two columns per week for the Sunday Commentary section. He also is the Washington columnist for the monthly magazine, The Empire State Report. He does all this with a standard of accuracy and insight that few can match. While the Washington Post in 1977 described Mr. Emory as being one of a vanishing breed of Washington correspondents for regional newspapers, he remains an example of journalistic excellence to young reporters.

Mr. Emory has written more than just news stories. He also is one of the most gelastic lyricists ever to grace the Gridiron Club's talent pool. He has written music for Washington's most prestigious journalists' club ever since he joined it 21 years ago, and he produced many of its most amusing skits. He has also served the Gridiron Club in

more serious ways—as its vice president for 1994, president for 1995, and current treasurer.

Legislators and journalists are supposed to keep a healthy distance between them but I confess to a great personal affection for my old friend, Alan Emory. I congratulate him and his beloved wife, Nancy, as he celebrates 50 fine years with the *Watertown Daily Times*. ●

NEW MEXICO SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise to honor New Mexico's small business-owners and advocates which were recently selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration to receive recognition for their efforts to improve business opportunities in New Mexico.

I not only want to recognize these individuals for their fine work but also to take a moment and highlight how important small businesses are to the State of New Mexico. Comprising over 96 percent of all businesses in my home State, small businesses are responsible for employing over 115,000 people and creating billions of dollars in revenue for our economy. Not only do small businesses serve as the backbone to New Mexico's economy, but they also serve as the foundation to our local communities. Small businessowners not only create thousands of good paying jobs in my State but also serve as an excellent example for young entrepreneurs who are chasing the American dream of owning their own business.

Mr. President, there could have been no better choice for the SBA's top award than the family-owned business of Elite Laundry Co. in Gallup, NM. Mary Jean and Andrew Christiansen have worked with their children to build their business for the past 30 years and I cannot tell you how proud I am they are being recognized as the SBA's New Mexico Small Business Persons of the Year.

The Christiansens have been an asset to me as I work to better serve New Mexico small businesses in the U.S. Senate. The Christiansens have built up Elite Laundry Company to employ 70 employees in a region of New Mexico which has one of this Nation's highest poverty rates. They have actively participated in my Small Business Advocacy Council and have testified on behalf of New Mexico businesses to the Senate Small Business Committee. The Christiansen family can be proud of their efforts in small business and I congratulate them for receiving this award.

Mr. President, small businessowners and entrepreneurs in New Mexico can also count on receiving the most up-to-date and insightful business information from Michael G. Murphy, the assistant business editor for the *Albuquerque Journal*. The SBA has chosen this former editor of the *New Mexico Business Times* as this year's New Mexico and Region VI Advocate of the

Year. Mr. Murphy understands the importance of keeping small business-owners informed of the issues, and has worked tirelessly to provide the tools they need to survive. I know I speak on behalf of all of New Mexico's small businesses when I congratulate Mr. Murphy on receiving this award.

The New Mexico Women in Business Advocate of the Year is Jennifer A. Craig, regional manager of the Women's Economic Self Sufficiency Team Office in Las Cruces. I have worked very closely with WESST Corp. to build a better environment for New Mexico's women business-owners and entrepreneurs. I believe it is only fitting that the SBA highlights the tremendous success story being played out in Las Cruces. This city has one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, yet over the last 2 years, WESST Corp has provided technical and business assistance to over 250 women entrepreneurs and has helped create 50 new women-owned businesses. I congratulate not only Jennifer CRAIG for being recognized for her hard work, but also WESST Corp. for attracting a person of her caliber to manage the southern regional office.

Mr. President, I would also like to honor Teresa O. Molina, winner of the 1997 Financial Services Advocate Award for New Mexico. Mrs. Molina is a New Mexico native who attended Deming High School and graduated from New Mexico State University. She has worked with small business for over 14 years helping obtain loans at the First New Mexico Bank in Deming. Currently serving as the bank's vice president, Mrs. Molina has been involved with SBA lending programs since she issued the first ever SBA 504 loan in New Mexico's history. Mrs. Molina works hard to meet the banking needs of her community and I congratulate her for her success.

Mr. President, as you are aware, this Nation is a melting pot of people with diverse ethnic and social backgrounds. In New Mexico, we have hundreds of small and large minority owned and operated businesses. One person that I have always turned to for advice not only on minority business issues but general economic and business issues is Anna Muller, the proprietor of NEDA Business Consultants in Albuquerque.

Anna is a member of my Minority Small Business Advocacy Council and has gained the respect and admiration of her peers when it comes to minority business issues. She has been chosen as the SBA's Minority Small Business Advocate for New Mexico, and I am hard pressed to think of anyone who better deserves recognition for her services to minority small businesses. Anna Muller is a true leader on minority business issues not only in the State of New Mexico, but the entire nation and I congratulate her on this award.

I would also like to congratulate the SBA 1997 Prime Contractor of the Year for Region VI, Armando De La Paz, president and CEO of Vista Tech-

nologies, Inc., of Albuquerque. Mr. De La Paz founded his company on the notion that hard work and determination are the foundation for developing a successful business. Mr. De La Paz's company has provided high-technology solutions to the Federal Government for the last 8 years and has been recognized as one of the fastest growing Hispanic business firms in the Nation for the period of 1993 to 1996.

I would like to recognize Mr. Dennis A. Reasner, president of Darco Products, Inc., for being selected as the SBA Region VI Subcontractor of the Year for 1997. I recently had the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Reasner here in Washington and can tell you that they are truly one of the best examples of American entrepreneurship in action. Starting out of their garage, Dennis and Enid Reasner have worked for the past 25 years to develop a company worth millions of dollars which currently employs over 30 employees in Albuquerque, NM. Darco Products is a company we can all be proud of in New Mexico, for not only has a Darco product been used in the space shuttle, but the firm also produced a component part for the first ever American space station.

Mr. President, New Mexico is witnessing an explosion in the growth of our exports and I believe it is important to recognize those who have helped bring about this change. One woman active in this area for New Mexico is Kimberly de Castro, owner of Wildflower International Ltd., a Santa Fe based export company. De Castro's business provides essential services to foreign buyers by researching various foreign markets and providing her clients with options they need to survive in a foreign marketplace. Wildflower International Ltd. exports to China, Egypt, Israel, and Italy, and is currently negotiating with sales in Taiwan and other Asian countries. Kimberly de Castro is clearly one of the people responsible for New Mexico's phenomenal growth in foreign trade, and I congratulate her for receiving the 1997 Exporter of the Year Award from the SBA.

In closing, I would like to point out that these people deserve praise and recognition for striving to build a better New Mexico for our future generations. I personally extend my gratitude to these winners, and to others involved with small businesses in New Mexico. I am proud to stand here and recognize these hard-working individuals for creating new jobs and economic opportunities for the people of New Mexico. ●

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW R. RUDMAN ON BEING NAMED THE GRANITE STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE AT YMCA YOUTH GOVERNOR CONFERENCE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate